

1954.

THE PARLIAMENT OF THE COMMONWEALTH OF AUSTRALIA.

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

OF THE

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES.

No. 32.

THURSDAY, 21st OCTOBER, 1954.

1. The House met, at half-past ten o'clock a.m., pursuant to adjournment.—Mr. Speaker (the Honorable A. G. Cameron) took the Chair, and read Prayers.
2. MESSAGE FROM THE SENATE.—A Message from the Senate was reported returning the following Bill without amendment :—
20th October, 1954—*Message No. 15*—Appropriation (Works and Services) 1954–55.
3. WAR SERVICE HOMES BILL 1954.—Mr. McMahon (Minister for Social Services) moved, pursuant to notice, That he have leave to bring in a Bill for an Act to amend the *War Service Homes Act 1918–1951*.
Question—put and passed.
Mr. McMahon then brought up the Bill accordingly, and moved, That it be now read a first time.
Question—put and passed.—Bill read a first time.
Mr. McMahon moved, by leave, That the Bill be now read a second time.
Debate adjourned (Mr. Haylen), and the resumption of the debate made an Order of the Day for the next sitting.
4. AUSTRALIAN ANTARCTIC TERRITORY BILL 1954.—The Order of the Day having been read for the resumption of the debate on the question, That the Bill be now read a second time—
Debate resumed.
Question—put and passed.—Bill read a second time.
Mr. Speaker left the Chair, and the House resolved itself into a Committee of the Whole.

(In the Committee.)

Clauses 1 and 2 agreed to.

Clause 3—

On the motion of Mr. Wentworth, the following amendment was made, after debate :—

Page 2, line 1, before "The" insert "Section three of".

Clause, as amended, agreed to.

Remainder of Bill, by leave, taken as a whole, and agreed to.

Bill to be reported with an amendment.

The House resumed ; Mr. Adermann reported accordingly.

On the motion of Mr. Beale (Minister for Supply), by leave, the House adopted the Report, and, by leave, the Bill was read a third time.

5. NORTHERN TERRITORY (LESSEES' LOANS GUARANTEE) BILL 1954.—The Order of the Day having been read for the resumption of the debate on the question, That the Bill be now read a second time—
Debate resumed.
Question—put and passed.—Bill read a second time.
Mr. Speaker left the Chair, and the House resolved itself into a Committee of the Whole.

(In the Committee.)

Clauses 1 and 2 agreed to.

Clause 3—

Mr. Nelson moved the following amendment :—Page 2, line 5, after "overdraft" add "and loans for a fixed period of not less than twenty-five years with an interest rate of three and three-quarter per centum".

Debate ensued.

Question—That the words proposed to be added be so added—put.

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21st October, 1954.

The Committee divided (The Temporary Chairman, Mr. Bowden, in the Chair)—

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| AYES, 47. | | | | |
| Mr. Anderson | Mr. Clark | Mr. A. D. Fraser | Mr. Keon | Mr. Stewart |
| Mr. Andrews | Mr. Costa | Mr. Galvin | Mr. Lawson | Mr. Thompson |
| Mr. Barnard | Mr. Coutts | Mr. Greenup | Mr. Lemmon | Mr. Ward |
| Mr. Bird | Mr. Crean | Mr. Griffiths | Mr. Luchetti | Mr. Watkins |
| Mr. W. M. Bourke | Mr. Cremean | Mr. E. James | Mr. Morgan | Mr. Webb |
| Mr. Bruce | Mr. Curtin | Harrison | Mr. O'Connor | Mr. Whitlam |
| Mr. T. P. Burke | Mr. Drakeford | Mr. Haylen | Mr. Peters | |
| Mr. Calwell | Mr. Duthie | Mr. James | Mr. Pollard | <i>Tellers:</i> |
| Mr. C. R. Cameron | Mr. Edmonds | Mr. Johnson | Mr. Riordan | Mr. Daly |
| Mr. Chambers | Mr. Fitzgerald | Mr. Joshua | Mr. Russell | Mr. Fuller |
| NOES, 50. | | | | |
| Mr. Adermann | Mr. Davis | Mr. Haworth | Mr. McColm | Mr. Turnbull |
| Mr. Allan | Mr. Dean | Mr. Howse | Mr. McLeay | Mr. Turner |
| Mr. Bate | Mr. Downer | Mr. Hulme | Mr. McMahon | Mr. Wentworth |
| Mr. Beale | Mr. Drummond | Mr. Jack | Mr. Opperman | Mr. Wheeler |
| Mr. Bland | Mr. Failes | Mr. Kent Hughes | Mr. Osborne | Mr. Wight |
| Mr. Bostock | Mr. Fairbairn | Mr. Lawrence | Sir E. Page | |
| Mr. Brand | Mr. Falkinder | Mr. Leslie | Mr. Pearce | <i>Tellers:</i> |
| Mr. Brimblecombe | Mr. Freeth | Mr. Luck | Mr. Swartz | |
| Mr. Brown | Mr. Hamilton | Mr. Lucock | Mr. Timson | Mr. Davidson |
| Mr. D. A. Cameron | Sir E. Harrison | Mr. Mackinnon | Mr. Townley | Mr. Gullett |
| Mr. Cramer | Mr. Hasluck | Sir P. McBride | | |

And so it was negatived.

Clause agreed to.

Clause 4—

Mr. Nelson moved the following amendment :—Page 2, sub-clause (1.), after paragraph (a) insert the following paragraph :—

“(aa) for the purpose of financing stock and plant ;”.

Debate ensued.

Question—That the paragraph proposed to be inserted be so inserted—put.

The Committee divided (The Temporary Chairman, Mr. Bowden, in the Chair)—

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| AYES, 45. | | | | |
| Mr. Anderson | Mr. Clark | Mr. A. D. Fraser | Mr. Lemmon | Mr. Ward |
| Mr. Andrews | Mr. Costa | Mr. Galvin | Mr. Luchetti | Mr. Watkins |
| Mr. Barnard | Mr. Coutts | Mr. Greenup | Mr. Morgan | Mr. Webb |
| Mr. Bird | Mr. Crean | Mr. Griffiths | Mr. O'Connor | Mr. Whitlam |
| Mr. W. M. Bourke | Mr. Cremean | Mr. E. James | Mr. Peters | |
| Mr. Bruce | Mr. Curtin | Harrison | Mr. Pollard | <i>Tellers:</i> |
| Mr. T. P. Burke | Mr. Drakeford | Mr. Haylen | Mr. Riordan | |
| Mr. Calwell | Mr. Duthie | Mr. Johnson | Mr. Russell | Mr. Daly |
| Mr. C. R. Cameron | Mr. Edmonds | Mr. Joshua | Mr. Stewart | Mr. Fuller |
| Mr. Chambers | Mr. Fitzgerald | Mr. Lawson | Mr. Thompson | |
| NOES, 50. | | | | |
| Mr. Adermann | Mr. Davis | Mr. Haworth | Mr. McColm | Mr. Turnbull |
| Mr. Allan | Mr. Dean | Mr. Howse | Mr. McLeay | Mr. Turner |
| Mr. Bate | Mr. Downer | Mr. Hulme | Mr. McMahon | Mr. Wentworth |
| Mr. Beale | Mr. Drummond | Mr. Jack | Mr. Opperman | Mr. Wheeler |
| Mr. Bland | Mr. Failes | Mr. Kent Hughes | Mr. Osborne | Mr. Wight |
| Mr. Bostock | Mr. Fairbairn | Mr. Lawrence | Sir E. Page | |
| Mr. Brand | Mr. Falkinder | Mr. Leslie | Mr. Pearce | <i>Tellers:</i> |
| Mr. Brimblecombe | Mr. Freeth | Mr. Luck | Mr. Swartz | |
| Mr. Brown | Mr. Hamilton | Mr. Lucock | Mr. Timson | Mr. Davidson |
| Mr. D. A. Cameron | Sir E. Harrison | Mr. Mackinnon | Mr. Townley | Mr. Gullett |
| Mr. Cramer | Mr. Hasluck | Sir P. McBride | | |

And so it was negatived.

Clause agreed to.

Clause 5 agreed to.

Title agreed to.

Bill to be reported without amendment.

The House resumed ; Mr. Bowden reported accordingly.

On the motion of Mr. Hasluck (Minister for Territories), the House adopted the Report, and, by leave, the Bill was read a third time.

6. MESSAGE FROM THE SENATE.—A Message from the Senate was reported returning the following Bill without amendment :—

21st October, 1954—*Message No. 17*—War Pensions Appropriation (No. 2) 1954.

7. MESSAGE FROM THE SENATE—COMMONWEALTH RAILWAYS BILL 1954.—Mr. Speaker reported the receipt of the following Message from the Senate :—

MR. SPEAKER,

Message No. 16.

The Senate has passed a Bill for “ *An Act to amend the ‘ Commonwealth Railways Act 1917-1950’* ”, and transmits the same to the House of Representatives for its concurrence.

The Senate,
Canberra, 21st October, 1954.

A. M. McMULLIN,
President.

Mr. Townley (Minister representing the Minister for Shipping and Transport) moved, That the Bill be now read a first time.

Question—put and passed.—Bill read a first time.

21st October, 1954.

Mr. Townley moved, by leave, That the Bill be now read a second time.

Debate adjourned (Mr. Calwell), and the resumption of the debate made an Order of the Day for the next sitting.

8. STATES GRANTS BILL 1954.—The Order of the Day having been read for the resumption of the debate on the question, That the Bill be now read a second time—

Debate resumed.

Several Members rising to address the House—

Closure.—Sir Eric Harrison (Vice-President of the Executive Council) moved, That the question be now put.

Question—That the question be now put—put.

The House divided (The Speaker, Mr. A. G. Cameron, in the Chair)—

AYES, 47.

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| Mr. Adermann | Mr. Davis | Mr. Haworth | Sir P. McBride | Mr. Townley |
| Mr. Allan | Mr. Dean | Mr. Howse | Mr. McColm | Mr. Turner |
| Mr. Bate | Mr. Drummond | Mr. Hulme | Mr. McLeay | Mr. Wentworth |
| Mr. Beale | Mr. Failes | Mr. Jack | Mr. McMahon | Mr. Wheeler |
| Mr. Bland | Mr. Fairbairn | Mr. Kent Hughes | Mr. Opperman | Mr. Wight |
| Mr. Bowden | Mr. Falkinder | Mr. Lawrence | Mr. Osborne | |
| Mr. Brimblecombe | Mr. Freeth | Mr. Leslie | Sir Earle Page | <i>Tellers:</i> |
| Mr. Brown | Mr. Hamilton | Mr. Luck | Mr. Pearce | |
| Mr. D. A. Cameron | Sir E. Harrison | Mr. Lucock | Mr. Swartz | Mr. Davidson |
| Mr. Cramer | Mr. Hasluck | Mr. Mackinnon | Mr. Timson | Mr. Gullett |

NOES, 34.

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| Mr. Anderson | Mr. Cremean | Mr. Greenup | Mr. Morgan | Mr. Ward |
| Mr. Andrews | Mr. Curtin | Mr. Griffiths | Mr. O'Connor | Mr. Webb |
| Mr. Barnard | Mr. Drakeford | Mr. E. James | Mr. Pollard | |
| Mr. Bird | Mr. Duthie | Harrison | Mr. Riordan | <i>Tellers:</i> |
| Mr. T. P. Burke | Mr. Edmonds | Mr. Haylen | Mr. Russell | |
| Mr. C. R. Cameron | Mr. Fitzgerald | Mr. Joshua | Mr. Stewart | Mr. Costa |
| Mr. Clark | Mr. Fuller | Mr. Lemmon | Mr. Thompson | Mr. Daly |
| Mr. Crean | Mr. Galvin | Mr. Luchetti | | |

And so it was resolved in the affirmative.

And the question—That the Bill be now read a second time—was put accordingly, and passed.—Bill read a second time.

Mr. Speaker left the Chair, and the House resolved itself into a Committee of the Whole.

(*In the Committee.*)

Bill, by leave, taken as a whole, and agreed to, after debate.

Bill to be reported without amendment.

The House resumed; Mr. Adermann reported accordingly.

On the motion of Sir Eric Harrison, the House adopted the Report, and the Bill was read a third time.

9. MESSAGES FROM THE SENATE.—Messages from the Senate were reported returning the following Bills without amendment:—

21st October, 1954—*Message*—

No. 18—Pay-roll Tax Assessment 1954.

No. 19—States Grants (Special Financial Assistance) 1954.

No. 20—Income Tax and Social Services Contribution 1954 (*without requests*).

10. MESSAGE FROM THE SENATE—INCOME TAX AND SOCIAL SERVICES CONTRIBUTION ASSESSMENT BILL 1954.—Mr. Speaker reported the receipt of the following Message from the Senate:—

MR SPEAKER,

Message No. 21.

The Senate returns to the House of Representatives the Bill for “*An Act to amend the ‘Income Tax and Social Services Contribution Assessment Act 1936-1953’*”, and acquaints the House that the Senate has agreed to the Bill with the Amendments indicated by the annexed Schedule, in which Amendments the Senate requests the concurrence of the House of Representatives.

A. M. McMULLIN,
President.

The Senate,
Canberra, 21st October, 1954.

Ordered—That the Amendments be taken into consideration, in Committee of the whole House, at the next sitting.

11. LOAN (HOUSING) BILL 1954.—The Order of the Day having been read for the resumption of the debate on the question, That the Bill be now read a second time.

Debate resumed.

Debate adjourned (Mr. Wheeler), and the resumption of the debate made an Order of the Day for the next sitting.

12. MESSAGE FROM THE SENATE.—A Message from the Senate was reported acquainting the House that the Senate had agreed to the Amendment made by the House in the following Bill:—

21st October, 1954—*Message No. 22*—Australian Antarctic Territory 1954.

13. MESSAGES FROM THE SENATE.—Messages from the Senate were reported returning the following Bills without amendment:—

21st October, 1954—*Message*—

No. 23—Wine Overseas Marketing 1954.

No. 24—Wine Grapes Charges 1954 (*without requests*).

21st October, 1954.

14. ADJOURNMENT.—Sir Eric Harrison (Vice-President of the Executive Council) moved, That the House do now adjourn.

Mr. Ward rising to address the House—

Closure.—Sir Eric Harrison moved, That the question be now put.

Question—That the question be now put—put.

The House divided (The Speaker, Mr. A. G. Cameron, in the Chair)—

Ayes, 43.

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| Mr. Adermann | Mr. Davis | Mr. Hasluck | Mr. Mackinnon | Mr. Timson |
| Mr. Allan | Mr. Dean | Mr. Haworth | Sir P. McBride | Mr. Townley |
| Mr. Bate | Mr. Drummond | Mr. Howse | Mr. McColm | Mr. Wentworth |
| Mr. Bostock | Mr. Failes | Mr. Hulme | Mr. McLeay | Mr. Wheeler |
| Mr. Bowden | Mr. Fairbairn | Mr. Jack | Mr. McMahon | Mr. Wight |
| Mr. Brimblecombe | Mr. Falkinder | Mr. Kent Hughes | Mr. Opperman | |
| Mr. Brown | Mr. Freeth | Mr. Lawrence | Mr. Osborne | <i>Tellers:</i> |
| Mr. D. A. Cameron | Mr. Hamilton | Mr. Leslie | Mr. Pearce | Mr. Davidson |
| Mr. Cramer | Sir E. Harrison | Mr. Luck | Mr. Swartz | Mr. Gullett |

Noes, 29.

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| Mr. Andrews | Mr. Crean | Mr. E. James | Mr. Pollard | Mr. Webb |
| Mr. Barnard | Mr. Cremean | Harrison | Mr. Riordan | Mr. Whitlam |
| Mr. W. M. Bourke | Mr. Curtin | Mr. James | Mr. Russell | |
| Mr. Bruce | Mr. Duthie | Mr. Johnson | Mr. Stewart | <i>Tellers:</i> |
| Mr. T. P. Burke | Mr. A. D. Fraser | Mr. Joshua | Mr. Thompson | Mr. Costa |
| Mr. C. R. Cameron | | Mr. Luchetti | Mr. Ward | Mr. Daly |
| Mr. Coutts | Mr. Greenup | Mr. O'Connor | | |

And so it was resolved in the affirmative.

And the question—That the House do now adjourn—was put accordingly, and passed.

And then the House, at eleven minutes past eleven o'clock p.m., adjourned until Tuesday next at half-past two o'clock p.m.

MEMBERS PRESENT.—All Members were present (at some time during the sitting) except Mr. Anthony, Mr. Beazley*, Mr. Bryson, Mr. Casey*, Mr. Clarey, Mr. Davies*, Mr. Drury, Sir Arthur Fadden, Mr. Fairhall, Mr. Joske, Mr. Makin, Mr. McEwen, Mr. McLeod, Mr. Minogue and Mr. Robertson*.

* On leave.

F. C. GREEN,

Clerk of the House of Representatives.